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delabar STATE PARK

THE PARK

Delabar State Park is on the Mississippi River about 1½ miles north of Oquawka near Route 164 in Henderson County. It was named to honor two brothers, Roy and Jack Delabar, who gave the 89 acres to the state for park development and usage in 1959.

HISTORY

The area was called "Yellow Banks" before it was officially named Oquawka, and it was thought the Indians who once lived in the area got the name from the high sandy bank along the river.

The park opened officially in 1960 and is a popular spot. It has many sturdy oak trees, along with some birch and hickory. Because of the shade there are not many flowers. However, the tree population serves as a natural habitat for squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, deer, groundhog and quail. Over 50 different species of birds have been identified at the park.

Nearby is Henderson County Conservation Area, which contains Gladstone Lake, a 27-acre lake with a maximum depth of 25 feet and 1½ miles of shoreline. It has a variety of fish for the angler, a launching ramp, boat fishing, picnicking areas and camping.

FACILITIES

Picnicking: Three picnic areas are available, one at the south end, the north end and in the center of the park convenient to parking areas. Picnic tables and camp stoves are provided. No cooking may be done except on park or camp stoves. Drinking water and toilets are provided.

Trails: For the nature lover and observer, there are two trails through the woods that cover almost 2 miles.

Camping: Areas for both tents and trailers are available. There is electricity, a sanitary station, and a jet pump for filling trailers. Hand pumps are also available in the campgrounds. All campers must obtain a permit from the park ranger. Group camping is available; groups of over 25 persons must have advance permission to enter the park.

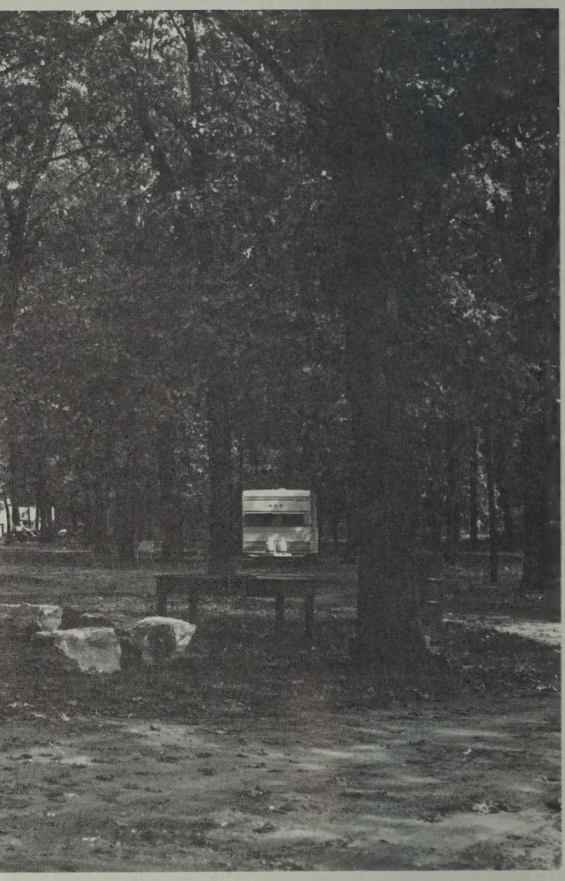
Fishing: River fishing is popular here, boats are allowed with motors of any size. There is a launching ramp on the river at the south end of the park and two boat docks. There is no boat rental at the park, but there is a marina closeby.

Concession stand: A snackbar, with a variety of small commodities available in the warm months, is west of the registration booth. The playground is just west of the campgrounds. There is also a shelter house.

Winter sports: Many visitors take advantage of the river for ice fishing, and if the ice is thick enough, ice-skating is enjoyed.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . .

Admittance will not be granted groups of 25 or more persons to any state park or conservation area unless permission from the park ranger has been secured to use the facilities. It is also re-

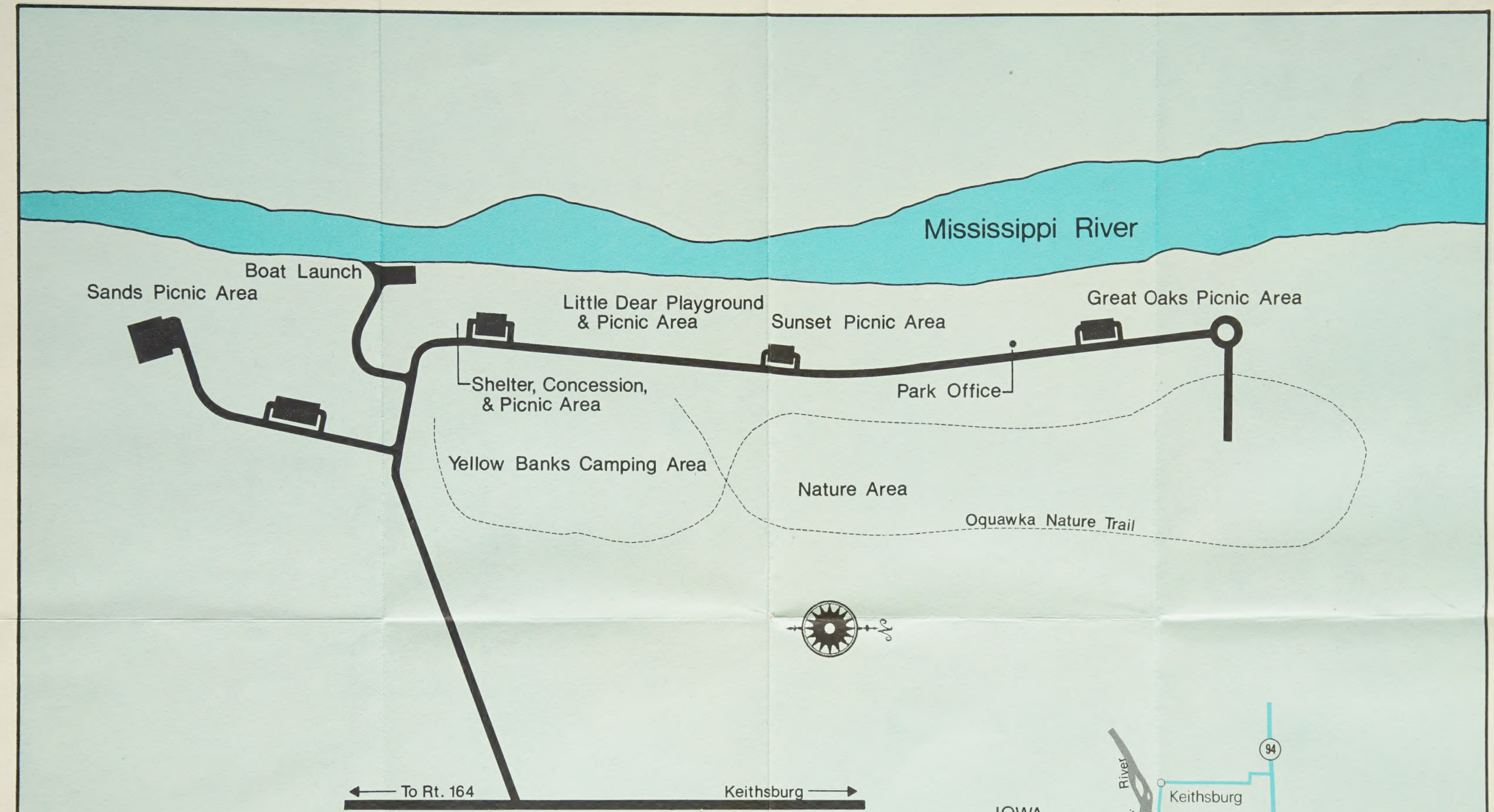


quired that groups of minors have adequate supervision and that at least one responsible adult accompany each group not exceeding 15 minors. All pets must be on a leash.

Numerous state parks and memorials are within easy access of every part of the state. Lodges, cabins and dining rooms are important features of Illinois Beach, Starved Rock, Pere Marquette, White Pines Forest and Giant City. Reservations for lodging should be made with lodge managers.

All state parks are open the year round. When weather conditions necessitate the closing of park roads during freezing and thawing periods, access to park facilities is by foot only.

For more details about this site, contact Ranger, Oquawka, Illinois, 61469, phone 309/867-3671. For information on other Illinois sites, write the Department of Conservation, Information/Education Division, State Office Building, Springfield, 62706.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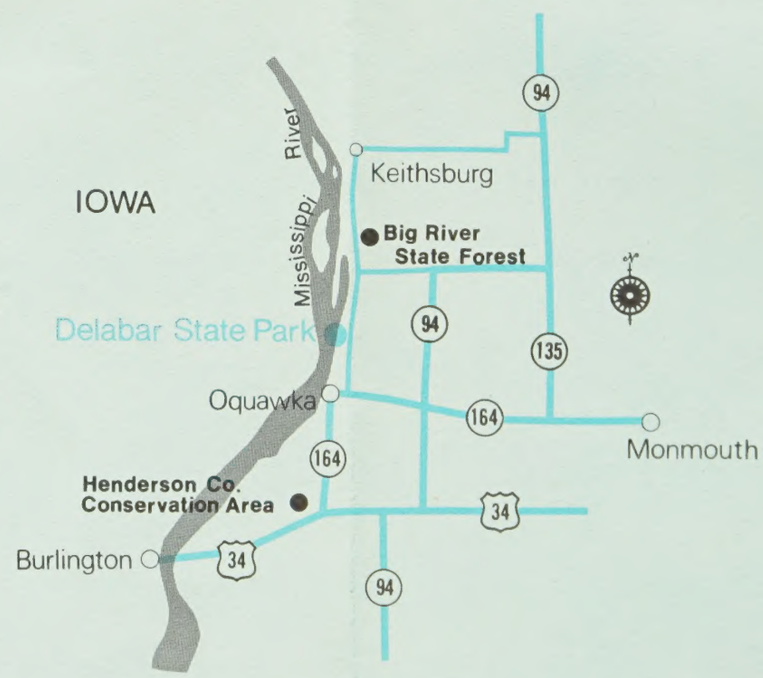
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